



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

**9:15 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

**15-3767**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 5/20/2015

**15-3458**

**Presented by:** THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

**PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**

**Appointee(s):** Dr. Nneka Jones Tapia, Psy. D

**Position:** Executive Director

**Department/Board/Commission:** Cook County Department of Corrections

**Effective date:** Immediate

**Expiration date:** None

**Summary:** Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-15012, Sheriff Thomas Dart appoints Dr. Nneka Jones Tapia for the position of Executive Director of the Cook County Jail. As provided in the statute, the Sheriff may appoint the Executive Director with the advice and consent of the County Board.

Dr. Jones has dedicated her entire professional career to providing advanced mental health services and psychological treatment to incarcerated people. She has worked in the Cook County Jail for over five years including the role of Chief Psychologist at Cermak Health Services where she oversaw all mental health services provided to inmates.

In 2013, the Sheriff hired Dr. Jones as a First Assistant Executive Director at the Jail. In this capacity, Dr. Jones has been integral in fulfilling the Sheriff's mission to provide thorough and ever improving mental health services to the Jail's mentally ill inmates. Her efforts have led to the establishment of the Mental Health Transition Center, enhanced programming for the mentally ill including increased education and quality of life services and more comprehensive inmate discharge planning. Dr. Jones received her Doctorate in Psychology from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology in 2007 and her Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from East Carolina University.

**Legislative History:** 5/20/15 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

  
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